FRANCIS THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

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CHAPTER 185.

Passed Feb. 28, 1844.

An act authorizing Eleanor R. Contee, guardian to Benjamin Contee, to bring into this State, from Virginia, certain Negro Slaves for life, the property of her ward, the said Benjamin Contee.

Authorised to bring negroes into this state.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Eleanor R. Contee, guardian of Benjamin Contee, be, and she is hereby authorized and permitted to bring into this State, from the State of Virginia, any slave or slaves being slaves for life, belonging to her said ward, and confided to her as guardian, and the same to hire out and work from time to time, for the benefit of her said ward, and to pay over to her said ward the same when he shall have arrived at age, or otherwise dispose of according to the law relative to guardians and wards; provided, that the said slave or slaves be not brought in this State for sale, or be sold by said guardian, and provided further, that said guardian or her agent, shall within thirty days after the removal of said slaves into this State. make out and file in the clerks office of the county to which said slave or slaves may be at the time removed to under this act, a list of said slave or slaves, specifying

Provisoes.

Not entitled to freedom. their names and ages as near as practicable.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That no slave or slaves brought in this State under or by virtue of this act, shall be entitled to freedom, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 186.

Passed Feb. An act relating to the issuing of Warrants and Precepts by 28, 1844. Justices of the Peace in and for Washington county.

Returnable to same district with defendant.

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1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, all warrants or precepts, issued by justices of the peace in and for Washington county, for the recovery of small debts in said county, shall be made returnable to, or before some justice residing in the same election district with the defendant.

Repealed.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That all acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.